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REFER TO FILE: **EP-4**

March 13, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2756

Dear Supervisors:

### **ANNUAL SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE REPORT ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 4 VOTES AT HEARING**

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Receive and file the Annual Solid Waste Generation Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2003-04 (Enclosure A).
2. Set a date for a public hearing to consider and approve said Report providing for the collection of the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Solid Waste Generation Service Charge on the tax roll for each parcel of real property in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to advertise, in English and Spanish, the legal notice of hearing in a newspaper of general circulation for two successive weeks prior to the hearing (Enclosure B).

#### **AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the continued collection of the existing Annual Solid Waste Generation Service Charge fees on the tax roll are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses and, therefore, are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)8 of the Public Resources Code.

2. Adopt the Annual Solid Waste Generation Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2003-04.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The proposed recommendation provides that the current Solid Waste Generation Service Charge fees continue to be collected on the tax roll in Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

State law, California Public Resources Code, Section 40000, et seq., requires the County, for the unincorporated areas, to prepare a series of documents detailing/implementing programs that would reduce the 1990 calendar year amount of waste sent to the landfills and/or transformation facilities by 25 percent by 1995 and 50 percent by the year 2000 and each year thereafter. State law also provides penalties up to \$10,000 per day on the County for failure to comply with the State's mandates. Therefore, it is essential for the County to continue its efforts to comply with requirements of the State law.

The collection of the Solid Waste Generation Service Charge fees on the tax roll remains the most cost-effective mechanism in the billing and accounting of these fees.

### **Implementation of County Strategic Plan**

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility as the Solid Waste Generation Service Charge fees provide necessary and sufficient funds to continue our compliance efforts with respect to State law mandating waste reduction planning and implementation for the unincorporated County areas.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In September 1991, your Board adopted an Ordinance establishing the Solid Waste Generation Service Charge fees. Revenues generated are used to provide for compliance with the State waste reduction mandates. Failure to comply with the requirements of State law may subject the County to a penalty of up to \$10,000 per day.

Currently, each parcel of real property within the County unincorporated area is assessed an annual service charge based on the number of Solid Waste Generation units. The

number of Solid Waste Generation units assigned to each parcel of real property is based on the Assessor Land Use Classification. The number of units per parcel varies from zero for a vacant parcel to 50 units for auditoriums, stadiums, amphitheaters, and the like. A parcel containing a single residential unit has been assigned one Solid Waste Generation unit.

The current annual charge of \$3.51 per Solid Waste Generation unit will remain the same for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

California Health and Safety Code Section 5473 provides that any adopted Ordinance or Resolution adopted authorizing the collection of (Solid Waste Generation Service Charge) fees on the tax roll shall remain in effect until repealed or until changes have been made in rates.

Section 5473.1 of the California Health and Safety Code requires that the notice of the filing of the Solid Waste Generation Service Charge Report and of a time and place of hearing thereon to be published once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Section 6066 of the California Government Code.

The enclosed Notice of Hearing (Enclosure B) has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

The collection of service charge fees on the tax roll will provide necessary funds for the County to comply with the State waste reduction mandates and avoid imposition of penalties by the State.

### **NEGATIVE DECLARATION/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

The collection of the existing Annual Solid Waste Generation Service Charge fees on the tax roll are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses and, therefore, are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)8 of the Public Resources Code.

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**CONCLUSION**

Upon Board approval, please forward two approved copies of this letter and Annual Solid Waste Generation Service Charge Report to this Department. In addition, please file a copy of the report with the Auditor-Controller on or before August 10, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller

INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING  
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

TO: Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles

FROM: Department of Public Works  
Environmental Programs Division

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
ANNUAL SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004**

**Publishing**

In accordance with Section 5473.1 of the California Health and Safety Code and Section 6066 of the California Government Code, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board shall publish notice of the filing of a report on the Collection of Solid Waste Generation Service Charge and of a hearing on the report. Publication of the Notice shall be once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published a minimum of once a week with at least five days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates. The period of notice commences upon the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the 14th day including therein the first day.

Forward two reprints of the attached advertisement to the Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division, P.O. Box 1460, Alhambra, CA 91802-1460.

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Shari Afshari at (626) 458-3572, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Attach.

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
ANNUAL SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004**

Notice is hereby given that a report by the Director of Public Works has been filed with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles recommending annual Solid Waste Generation Service Charges for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 continue to be collected on the tax roll. There will be no change in Solid Waste Generation Service Charge rates.

Currently, each parcel of real property in the County unincorporated area is assessed an annual service charge based on the number of Solid Waste Generation units assigned to that parcel. The number of units is a function of the property land-use code and varies from zero for a vacant parcel to 18 for a community shopping center. The annual service charge per "Solid Waste Generation unit" is currently \$3.51 and will remain unchanged for Fiscal Year 2003-2004. Based on this formula, the annual charge for a single-family residence is \$3.51. Revenues generated are used to implement programs in achieving State waste reduction mandates.

Tuesday, \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 381 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, is the time and place which has been fixed by the Board of Supervisors to consider this matter. Any person wishing to be heard on this matter may appear before the Board of Supervisors and show cause why the proposal should not be adopted.

For further information regarding this matter, please call the County Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division at (626) 458-2186, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Upon 72 hours notice, the County can provide program information and publications in alternate formats or make other accommodations for people with disabilities. In addition, documents are available at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration in Los Angeles (500 West Temple Street), which is accessible to individuals with disabilities. To request accommodations ONLY, or for more ADA information, please contact our ADA Coordinator at (626) 458-4081 or TDD (626) 282-7829, Monday through Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN  
County Counsel

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Deputy

ATTEST:

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS  
Executive Officer-Clerk of the  
Board of Supervisors

By \_\_\_\_\_

**AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA  
REFERENTE AL REPORTE ANUAL DE RECOLECCIÓN DEL COSTO DE SERVICIO  
DE DESECHOS SÓLIDOS PRODUCIDOS  
PARA EL AÑO FISCAL 2003-2004**

Por este aviso se anuncia que un reporte por el Director de Obras Públicas se ha registrado con el Consejo de Supervisores del Condado de Los Angeles recomendando la continuación de la colección de Precios Anuales de Servicio de Desechos Sólidos Producidos para el Año Fiscal 2003-2004 en el rolo de impuestos. No habrá cambio en las tarifas de Servicio de Desechos Sólidos Producidos.

Corrientemente, se impone a cada lote de bienes raíces dentro del área no incorporada del condado un impuesto de costo anuario de servicio establecido sobre el número de unidades de desechos sólidos producidos asignados a ese lote. El número de unidades de desechos es una función del Código de Uso de Terreno de Propiedad y cambia de cantidad de cero (0) para un lote vacío hasta 18 unidades para un centro de compras de la comunidad. La cuota anuaria de servicio por "unidad de desechos sólidos producidos": es corrientemente \$3.51 y permanecerá sin cambio para el Año Fiscal 2003-2004. Establecido sobre esta formula, el coste anuario para una residencia de una familia es \$3.51. Ingresos producidos son utilizados para implementar programas para cumplir con leyes Estatales de reducir desechos.

Martes, \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, a las 9:30 a.m., en Cuarto 381 del Salón de Administración Kenneth Hahn, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, es el tiempo y lugar fijado donde se considerará este asunto. Cualquiera persona que desea tener audiencia tocante a este asunto puede estar presente ante el Consejo de Supervisores y enseñar causa porqué la proposición no debe ser adoptada.

Para más información tocante a este asunto, favor llamar al Departamento de Obras Públicas del Condado de Los Angeles, Division de Programas del Medio Ambiente al (626) 458-2186, lunes a jueves, 7 a.m. hasta 5:30 p.m.

Con aviso de 72 horas de anticipación, el Condado puede proveer información y publicaciones del programa en formas alternativas o puede proveer servicios especiales para personas con incapacidades. Tambien copias de los documentos estan disponibles en la Administración de Kenneth Hahn en Los Angeles (500 W. Temple Ave.) que es accesible para personas con incapacidades. Para solicitar arreglos especiales SOLAMENTE o para más información con respecto al Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), favor de comunicarse con nuestro coordinador departamental de ADA, al (626) 458-4081 o TDD (626) 282-7829, lunes a jueves, 7 a.m. hasta las 5:30 p.m.

APROBADO COMO FORMADO:

CONFIRMA:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN  
Abogado del Condado

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS  
Oficial-Dependiente  
Ejecutivo del  
Consejo de Supervisores

Por \_\_\_\_\_  
Delegado Principal

Por \_\_\_\_\_